

## CLAIMS

I claim:

1        1. A post-surgical care wound and bandage cover for a pet  
2 such as a dog, comprising:

3        a vest-like trunk cover having a front upper opening and a  
4 rear opening, said trunk cover extending from the chest front to  
5 a point in the vicinity of the rear of the rib cage of the pet;  
6 and

7        a neck cover defining an upper opening and a lower opening,  
8 said neck cover extending downward from the upper neck to said  
9 front upper opening of said trunk cover and communicating  
10 therewith;

11        said vest-like trunk cover defining at least one lower front  
12 opening of such size as to receive a corresponding front leg of  
13 the pet;

14        said trunk cover and said neck cover being connected so as  
15 to form a vest-like body sock for placement over the front  
16 portion of the body of a pet;

17        whereby said vest-like body sock covers an exposed or gauze-  
18 dressed wound.

1           2. The cover of claim 1, wherein said vest-like trunk cover  
2 defines two lower front openings of such size and location as to  
3 receive left and right front legs of the pet.

1           3. The cover of claim 1, wherein said vest-like body sock  
2 is made of an elastic material so as to snugly fit the body of  
3 the pet.

1           4. The cover of claim 1, wherein said neck cover and said  
2 trunk cover are connected by a seam.

1           5. The cover of claim 4, wherein said seam is an expandable  
2 cross stitch seam.

1           6. The cover of claim 1, wherein said neck cover opening is  
2 of such size as to snugly fit around the upper neck of the pet,  
3 and said neck cover opening has an expandable cross stitch hem.

1           7. The cover of claim 1, wherein each said leg opening in  
2 said trunk cover has an expandable cross stitch hem.

1           8. The cover of claim 1, wherein said rear opening of said  
2 trunk portion has an expandable cross stitch hem.

1           9. The cover of claim 8, wherein said hem includes a  
2 bunched portion extending around the belly of the pet, said trunk  
3 portion having an integral elastic strip, said integral elastic  
4 strip being straight sewn within said hem bunched portion.

1           10. The cover of claim 9, wherein said integral elastic  
2 strip is straight sewn within said hem.

1           11. The cover of claim 1, wherein there is a single lower  
2 front opening and said cover is reversible, so as to cover a  
3 wound from the removal of a front leg of the pet.

1           12. The cover of claim 11, wherein said elastic material is  
2 spandex or Lycra having polyethylene mixed therewith and is open  
3 weaved such as to allow passage of air to the wound while  
4 excluding dust and dirt.

1        13.    The cover of claim 1, wherein said cover is made of  
2 cotton or Nylon and is open weaved such as to allow breathing of  
3 air to the wound.

1        14.    A post-surgical care wound and bandage cover for a pet  
2 such as a dog, comprising:

3        a vest-like trunk cover having a front upper opening and a  
4 rear opening, said trunk cover extending from the chest front to  
5 a point in the vicinity of the rear of the rib cage of the pet;  
6 and

7        a neck cover defining an upper opening and a lower opening,  
8 said neck cover extending downward from the upper neck to said  
9 front upper opening of said trunk cover and communicating  
10 therewith;

11        said vest-like trunk cover defining at least one lower front  
12 opening of such size as to receive a corresponding front leg of  
13 the pet;

14        said trunk cover and said neck cover being connected by a an  
15 expandable cross stitched seam so as to form a vest-like body  
16 sock for placement over the front portion of the body of a pet;

17        said rear opening of said trunk portion having an expandable  
18 hem which includes an upper cross stitched portion and a bunched

19 portion extending around the trunk and belly of the pet, said  
20 bunched portion containing an elastic strip;

21 said cover being made of open weave breathable material such  
22 as to allow passage of air to the wound while excluding dust and  
23 dirt;

24 whereby said vest-like body sock covers an exposed or gauze-  
25 dressed wound.

1 15. The cover of claim 14, wherein said integral elastic  
2 strip is straight sewn within said hem.

1 16. The cover of claim 15, wherein there is a single lower  
2 front opening and said cover is reversible, so as to cover a  
3 wound from the removal of a front leg of the pet.

1 17. The cover of claim 15, wherein said cover is made of  
2 elastic material and the elastic material is spandex or Lycra  
3 having polyethylene mixed therewith.

1 18. The cover of claim 15, wherein said cover is made of  
2 cotton or Nylon.

1           19.    The cover of claim 17, wherein said cover is so  
2 configured and constructed as to allow a veterinarian to roll or  
3 peel back a portion of said cover to expose the wound.

1           20.    The cover of claim 19, wherein said cover is so sized  
2 and configured relative to the pet as to allow ease in placing  
3 the cover on the pet and removing same, while the pet cannot  
4 remove the cover from the wounded area by means of mouth, paws,  
5 or rubbing against an object.